California Practitioners Advisory Group Meeting

Item 5: Update on the Criteria to Identify the Five Percent Lowest Performing Title I Schools Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act

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Topics

- Target Number of Schools for the Lowest Five Percent
- All Applicable Indicators Method
- Baseline Methodology
- Discussion

Target Number of Schools To Be Identified for Lowest Five Percent

- Five percent = 303 schools
 - Based on eligible pool of schools that received 2016-17 Title I funds (minus schools identified for support due to the graduation rate criteria)
 - Target number likely to change for the 2018 fall identification

How Do We Identify the Lowest Five Percent of Schools?

- In July 2017, the SBE:
 - Approved "All Applicable Indicators" method
 - Approved baseline methodology (All Red and All Red but one Orange)
 - Considered options for identifying remaining five percent of schools
 - Example: Select from pool of local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) support

All Applicable Indicators Method

 Identifies schools based on combination of performance levels (colors) on indicators that apply for each school.

RED ON ALL INDICATORS

Schools that are Red on all applicable indicators for that school (e.g., RRRR, RRR, RR, R) would be identified first.

RED ON ALL INDICATORS EXCEPT ONE

Red on all indicators except one, where the remaining indicator is Orange (RRRO, RRO, RO) would be identified next.

AND SO ON...

Additional categories of the lowest performing schools would follow in sequence.

Results Using All Applicable Indicators Method

- 296 schools (of targeted 303) fall within lowest-performing five percent based on their color combinations
- 92 additional schools are tied with the next lowest-performing color combination (1 Red, 3 Oranges)
 - -Brings total to 388

Baseline Methodology

- Limits color combinations to two options:
 - -All Red
 - -All Red, but one Orange
- Remaining 5 percent selected from pool of LEAs identified for LCFF support
 - Based on full range of color combinations (see All Applicable Indicators Method)

Results Using Baseline Methodology

- Only 80 schools meet the Baseline criteria
 - -17 of these schools are not in LEAs identified for LCFF support
- Option: Expand baseline to include other color combinations
 - Brings number of identified schools closer to target of 303

Discussion

- Rather than identifying entire 5 percent of schools in Year 1, should space be reserved to allow for new schools to be added within three-year window?
 - Schools whose performance declines significantly in Year 2 or 3

Discussion (Cont.)

- What are the pros and cons between:
 - Maintaining the current baseline (Red and all Red but one Orange) and identifying the remaining 5% of schools from LEAs receiving LCFF support
 - Expanding baseline to include other color combinations and identifying all LEAs with a school in the lowest five percent for LCFF support